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Fatalities Attend the Fete of the Coronation Ceremonies.

WILD RUSH FOR FREE FOOD

Hundreds of Thousands of People Struggle for the Refreshments, Which AreGivenGratultonsly-Sev eral Killed, Among Them Being a Mother and Her Newly Born Child.

Moscow, May 30.-The popular fete of the coronation ceremonies, at which between 400,000 and 500,000 people were fed and indulged in all sorts of merry making, was held today on the Hodynsky Piain, opposite the Petroffsky Palace, and was the scene of the first fatalities that have marked the festivities. This free feast, which has always been the popular feature of coronations, has hitherto been the occa-sion of a great deal of crowding and goodnatured fighting for places on the part of the hundreds of thousands of guests of the city, but no such gathering was ever wit-nessed on the Hodynsky Plain as that which

assembled today.

The crowds, which began coming long before daylight, finally became so dense and so eager to obtain access to the free food and beer, and the free amusements that they could not be controlled. Men, women and children were thrown down and trampled upon, and were either badly intured or killed, while others had their lives crushed out by the fearful pressure of the vast crowd.

SCATTERED BY THE POLICE. The police and military finally succeeded

was no further danger. The feast was held in the presence of the czar and a distinguished company of guests, who occupied seats in a large pa-villion especially erected and elaborately decorated for the occasion. The great Hodynsky Plain, whereon Napoleon mass ed his troops before marching into the city of Mascow, is flanked on both sides by the exhibition buildings and the Moscow race coarse, and extends indefinitely into the country. Upon it, besides the multitude of people who enjoyed the hospitality of the city in eating, drinking and indulging in all sorts of games and witnessing various performances, were encamped a vast army of oldiers, consisting of 83 battalions of infuntry, 30 squadrons of cavalry, 7 solnias of Cossacks and 14 batteries of artiflery which the emperor will review on June 7 the last day of the festivities.

MOTHER AND BABE CRUSHED. The part of the plain devoted to the festivities was directly in front of the palace. This wide, grass-covered space was en closed with Venetian masts, hung with bunting, flags and shields, bearing the arms of the various cities and provinces of Russia, and within were booths, tables, open-air theaters, merry-go-rounds, circuses, swings, etc. almost innumerable Surrounding these were hundreds of wooden booths, filled with feed, such as bread, cakes, sausages, meat-ples, caviare, etc. and in each booth was an immense cask of malt liquor, or mead, the food and drink being free to all who chose t ocome and

Throughout the night there was a con-

stant stream of people making their way to the plain, in order to be in the forefront when the food and presents should be ready manity as had gathered there, even in the early hours of the morning, was never before witnessed in Russia. While the crust was most intense, and the curses, shricks and howls of pain were at their beight, an unknown woman was delivered of a child on the field and the mother and infant were trampled to death.

THIEVES AGAIN ACTIVE.

Number of Robberies Reported at Police Beadquarters.

Several robberies were reported this morning to Inspector Hollinberger at police head-

Arthur M. Bean, of No. 435 Seventh street outhwest, reports that burglars entered his jewelry store by breaking the front plate-glass window, and stole several gold In Both Cities Work of Searching watch cases and a gold chain.

Mrs. Almira E. Hazel, of No. 219 Fourth street northeast, had a purse containing \$3 in money and some cards taken from her pocket by a pickpocket while making purchases on B street, between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, about 10 o'clock this

Mrs. F. C. Hartman of No. 704 T street northwest reports that a large bundle of underclothing, which she gave an unknown colored woman to wash, vanished with the woman and neither has turned up. Ewing Cockrell of No. 1518 R street

northwest, reports that for some time large quantities of postage stamps have been taken from his writing desk. William H. Gaskins of No. 1006 Thirty second street, Georgetown, was relieved of a black, cutaway coat by a sneakthief, who took the article from his office.

NOTHING BUT GOLD STANDARD,

. Plerpont Morgan's Opinion on St. Louis Platform and Candidate. London, May 30 .- Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the American banker, who is in London, was interviewed today by a representative of the United Press, to whom he said that his health had improved greatly since his arrival on this side.

Concerning the possible nominee of the Republican convention at St. Louis, Mr. Morgan said that McKinley's record had al-ways shown him to be firm; nevertheless, his attitude upon the question of currency would whatever the convention decided to regard as the policy which would most benefit commerce. Whoever received the nomination or secured the election, he said, would pave to do so upon a gold standard.

HORRIBLE SUICIDE.

Young Italian, Run Over by Train, Cuts His Throat.

Jollet, Ill., May 30 .- Autonio Patta, a oung Italian, thought to be from Buffalo, N. Y., ended his existence in a most borriinner last night at Mokena, on the Rock Island Road. He attempted to board i freight train, and, falling beneath the wheels, both legs were cut off.

In a frenzy l'atta drew a razor from his pocket and drew it across his throat. Then, in his delirium of pain, he clutched the gaping wound and sought to tear the desh. In a few minutes he fell over dead.

"Brick" Pomeroy Dead. New York, May 30 -Mark M. "Brick" omercy, died at his home in Brooklyn at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The immediate members of his family and his physiclan, Dr. Hadley, were present. The end

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More Than a Hundred Funerals In St. Louis Today.

DEATH ROLL NOW UP TO 418

for Bodies Continues.

HEARTRENDING TALES TOLD

The Health Commissioner Fears That Fifty of the City Hospital Patients Will Be Found Under the Ruins of That Building-Best of Care Given to All the Wounded at the Hospitals and Colleges-Thousands of Workmen Bringing Order Out of Chaos East St. Louis Greatly in Need of Help-Plenty of Work for Mechanics of Every Kind-Incalculable Damage Done to the Parks

St. Louis, Mo., May 30.-Mayor Waloridge gave out the following last night: "It is not practical to make individual answer to the vast number of friends who have telegraphed sympathy and offers of assistance. Through the medium of the United Press, St. Louis sincerely thanks the city's many friends for the interest have shown and their proffers of aid. The people of our city are confiden of their ability to properly care for all the sufferers from the recent tornado, and heroic efforts are being made to that end. No accurate estimate of the loss of property can now be made, but it is safe to say that the loss as reported by the press outside of St. Louis has been greatly overestimated."

CORONER WAITE'S SAD TASK. Coroner Waite has been constantly on duty since Thursday morning. The procession

of the dead, passing under review before him, like the last resurrection, were passed upon in an official and perfunctory way, The pathos usual on such occasions was intensified by the surrounding throng of mourning relatives, waiting until unsyn pathetic officialism had released their dead,

There were ninety-four unfortunates passed under the ordeal of this necessary inspec-The coroner and assistants were merciful, even delicate in their treatment of the dead before the living relatives. When the unknown were reached the corre ner ceased his work, waiting for identifica-There yet remains cleven bodies

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning two floaters were picked up at the foot of Destrahan street, which are supposed to be member

of a wrecked boat crew. ONE DAUGHTER ESCAPED.

A family of four lived at 716 Barry street Wednesday morning. When the tornado had passed there was but one sur vivor. Mrs. Matilda Rux, aged fifty-six years; her daughters. Jennie, seventeen years, and Mary, sixteen years, and John Lablien, aged forty-nine years, occupied the dwelling. As the blast seized the house The Big Sunday Times and partly lifted it Mary sprang for the door. The others started to follow, but the roof fell and crushed them to death. The surviving daughter stood on the street wringing her hands, frantic with grief, and refusing to be led away. Neighbors told

the story this morning.
Dr. Starkloff, health commissioner and chief of the hospital service in this city, is this morning force I to the conclusion that the deaths at the city hospital are far be-In the red coin of the realm; and here is a A CHALLENGE roud the first estimates. He reluctantly states that fifty patients of the hospital are not accounted for. Dr. Sutter, superntendent of the hospital, says that a number of patients fied to the commons about the place, and there is hope that many of the fifty missing from the hospital will-

> the wreck, is strongly of the opinion that At all events he is strongly of the opinion

> EXORBITANT CHARGES OF EXPRESS-MEN.

On nearly every house surrou a pathetic picture, to be sure, in this part of the city, but not comparable with the scenes which were to be witnessed two or

mes. The well-to-do engaged all left to provide for themselves.

There were complaints, even from the

rich, of excessive charges. There were curses and maledictions from the poor.

Institute Business College, 8th and



Old and New Graves.

It will show the motive of revenge on

n Rockville Sunday, the day before the

leed was committed, and that he borged

for and received his dinner from a citizen

It will also be shown that a negro at

wering Randolph's description, if not, in-

deed, Randolph himself, was seen Sunday

evening in the vicinity of "Banny" Wat-kins' residence, from which the ax was

stolen with which the deed was com

Rev. Mr. Lloyd will show that he traced

Randolph's fresh footprints through the

wheat field, over newly plowed ground, and

his pocket knife wild grapevines to enter

the thick jungle; that once inside of the

covert place be went to a pool of water and

SOME OF THE CLEWS.

Dr. Lloyd has stated that when he reach-

ed the jungle, protected by masses of grape-

rines with sap still cozing from their cut

These are some of the clews the citi-

oday when it was learned that ex-Magis

rate Thomas Stonestreet had found a

sheriff Collier to work on the Buxton

but the latter refused to say whether he had the garments or not. He abused the

clerk roundly, it is stated, and emphatic

ally declined to give him any information

This morning ex-Magistrate Stonestree

with a bundle, supposed to be the garments

went to Baltimore, presumably to see Ran-

dolph and Neale and ascertain if the cloth-

MR. BUXTON'S BULLET.

The bullet which Mr. Buxton fired from

his revolver on the morning of the assault

bed occupied by himself and wife on the

morning of the crime. Sheriff Collier, in

pursuit of a theory, fired a bullet from his

pistol in the same direction supposed to have been taken by that from Buxton's

pistol. The sheriff's bullet rebounded and

anded in the bed. A closer search yester

day revealed the Buxton bullet in the cov-

It appears to be rather late to talk of

securing trained detectives to work on

the mystery, but some of the leading citizens

are going to insist upon the State authori-

They argue that Baltimore detectives

were quickly assigned to the Cocking mur-

der, and the Maryland authorities are being

coundly censured for their failure to ex-

tend skilled aid to the people of Gaithers-burg, who have been allowed to work on a

mystery which should have been promptly placed in the bands of men trained and

experienced in criminal methods of pro-

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crime was concected.

LITTLE SADIE'S LAST DAY

TATTERED CLOTHES FOUND

It Is Reported That the Garments Belong to Randolph, and Were Found Where He Was Seen First-The Talk in Guithersburg-Citizens Continue to Secure Evidence.

The physicians at Garfield Hospital fear that little Sadie Buxton's hours are limited

Sadie, continue to grow convalescent this afternoon. As surely, though, as the father, mother and elder daughter will survive, the hospital physicians think Sadie will die, and murder will be the crime of the mysterious brute.

worse almost every minute of the time since the family was removed to the hospital. Her temperature has gone up gradually, until at noon today it registered

She may live through the day, but, though the physicians are reticent about admit-

ting it, her death will not be unexpected at Mr. and Mrs. Baxton were in good spir-

the precarious condition of the child. They received no visitors this morning, and but one person called to inquire about them. answer the questions of physicians and nurses, and no visitors are permitted to see them. Maud, the elder daughter, is not permitted to talk at all. The parents have said nothing today to throw any further light on the perpetrator of the deed. State's Attorney Kilgour passed through

before noon today. He said there were new developments in the Buxton case.
"I am now going to Baltimore," said be, to lay the matter before the detectives there, and they will doubtless be called upon to solve the mystery. The people of Gaithersburg have at last reached the conclusion that it is advisable to employ detective service." Mr Kilgoor did not leave the railway

station, merely transferring from one train to another. SURE OF RANDOLPH.

Gaithersburg, Md., May 30,-It is reported that Dr. E. Henning Etchison of this town stated this morning that Mr. Buxton the assailant of himself and family. Dr. Etchison was present at Garfield Hospital prisoner from head to foot for several seconds Buxton remarked:

dolph from all sides and talking with him, Sheriff collier: "You've got the right man.

This statement was repeated on the streets of Gallhersburg today and settled it in the minds of the citizens that Randolph was the perpetrator of the crime. The stenographic interview by State's

Attorney Kilgour and Buxton, published exclusively in The Morning Times, also general topic among the citizens of Gaithersburg and was dissected One of the leading citizens, who is an

official, was seen by a Times representative today. He said the preliminary bearing will be held just as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Buxton are well enough to be removed

'And," be added, firmly, "we will insist that the bearing be held at Gaithers-burg before our local magistrate. We will guarantee that there will not be a lynching and the prisoners will be accorded a free, full and fair examination. The deed was a brutal one, and the people were naturally greatly indignant and stirred up over ft. but the suspected men will re-ceive fair treatment at fur hands."

He also said that the clews leading to the guilt of Neale and Randolph are being put together, and when the local investigators show their hand it will be convinc

be, of the guilt of the two negroes now in ACME LED HOMEWARD the Baltimore jail. Rev. L. L. Lloyd and other citizens have in their possession, be said, evidence which has not yet been

the part of Neale, who, the citizens state, is a cool, cunning, calculating fellow. He Yacht Club. will be shown to have met Randolph on Sunday afternoon in the big swamp near

Saithersburg, where, it is believed, the THE WHITE WINGED CRAFTS Witnesses will prove that Randolph was

> Francina Was the First and Hilda the Lest to Cross the Line-The Course Was From the Arsenal to River View and Return-Captains and Crews.

The fourth annual regatta of the Capital Yacht Club occurred today over the course between the Arsenal Point and River View The start was made at 9 o'clock, but at 3 o'clock the racers had not "bove" in sight here. The Acme was, however, the first to round the stake heat on the way home.

The boats with their snowy sails pre sented a pretty spectacle maneuve around in the river just off the orsenal at

vind was stiff and all the boats carried plenty of sail. On board the steam launch Falcon were the judges, Messrs. D. Knowlton, Frank Page and Charles Deardoff. Just before the hour of starting she steamed down the river in a direct linwith the booy, which is located at the turn of the river just off the arsenal point.

The hour for departure was placed at 9:15 o'clock. A quarter of an bour before



hat time the Falcon's whistle blew and he flag which hang from the pole dropped. It was the signal for the start. The yachts which had been sailing around in the basin acked toward the line and made all pos tible haste to get over. Each boat had a arge number on ber mainsail

The first one over was the Francina thich crossed precisely at 9:1:7 o'clock. The Francina was built in this city two rears ago and belongs to Mr. F. C. Town send, who was her sailing master thi morning. She is a light-draught centerpoard, and carried no topmast, and, not withstanding her large sail area, carried no ballast. Mr. Townsend was assisted n her management by Mr. Brown and Mr Flynn.

THE SECOND ACROSS.

The Francina was followed by the Unline, belonging to Dr. Charles J. Hopkins, who was her commander. The Undine's erew were attired in patty dark blue suits with white caps. It was her first race and er first appearance in full sloop rig.

The Spartan, which won last year's race, ook third place in crossing the line at the start. She belongs to Mr. Charles Carr, who was assisted in her management by W. J. Kettler, A. N. Dallyrymple, W. A. Fenwick and Eugene Barton. Then came the Acme, of the skiff type, in

command of her owner, Mr. Vernon Cook. The Boojum, a big, thirty-one-foot cance, followed. Mr. Jacob Diemer, her owner boat on the course.

gleton and Harrison's Olga, which is a new ompetitor and was formerly known as the Adelaide. The Olga and Catfish, the only catboat in the club, were nearly tied in the

The Catfish isowned by Mr. Leonard Huntress Dyer. In making haste to cross the line t came near being caught in the swell of a large excursion boat and to avoid this tacked to the wrong side of the judges' boat. She was about to cross outside of

Congress Heights lots, \$10 cash; \$5 per month. Money advanced to build while are paid. Office, 631 Pa. ave. nw.

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FLOWERS ON GRAVES

Memory of Fallen Heroes Fittingly Honored.

SERVICES AT CEMETERIES

Statesmen, Soldiers and Citizens at the Exercises.

BEAUTIFUL FLORAL TRIBUTES

Graves of Old Soldiers Covered With the Fragrant Gifts-Young and Old Do Homage-Patriotic Addresses by Noted Orators-Crowds Visit Arlington, Where Many Are Interred. Department Commander Mc Elroy in Charge-Sweet Music by the Marine Band-Services at Soldiers' Home-Tomb of Gen. Logan Buried Beneath a Bank of Blossoms-Last Resting Places of Comrades in Other Grounds Not Forgotten.

A better Decoration Day has seldom come Washington. From the carolling of the birds, when rosy-fingered dawn first touched the eastern sky, to the midday gun at Fort Myer, and on till the closing words of the exercises at each cemetery, the city was filled with flowers borne in loving tribute to the dead; with sad, sweet memories, noble thoughts and high purposes; for no day now more abounds with patriotic sentiment tending to good citizenship.

There were excursions in many direc-tions to bear the blossoms of fraternal afection where once was war. Rudyard Kiping has lately said fraternity is the idolized feeling of the American heart, and Henry Watterson for years has been telling that out of the ashes of the war has sprung the most homogeneous propie on the face of the earth.

Between the citizenships of Boston and of Charleston the foreigner sees no differ-ence. The further knitting of kindly relations was one purpose of the expedition of the Veterans' Union to Winchester, and like thoughts were borne by the Knights of Pythias to Gettysburg and Pen Mar

Purely pleasure trips were taken by hundreds to points on the bay and river. From 8 a. m. till the middle of the afternoon there were parties of twos and tifrees and half a dozen, with lunches, butterfly nets, fishing poles, books, guns, scientific apparatus, all going on some line of transportation into the country. The new electric line to Arlington carried long coaches in trains of three, well-loaded, and even this was not enough. Double-decker wagleft every moment during the later morning hours, taking over spectators for the rites at the greatest of national cemeteries

THE PARADE.

Crowds Viewed the Old Veteraus as They Marched By

The crowd began to gather early at Grand Army Hall about the men in uniform who were to parade up Pennsylvania avenue at 10 a. m. The police were on hand to keep everything in order, but there was hardly any call for their services.

A quarter of an hour before the time to

Commander John McEiroy of the Grand Army, stood on the steps in front of hendquarters, while Officer of the Day Comrade James B. Carter and Officer of he Guard Licut. Emmet Smith, marshaled the organizations into their places.

The big Mount Pleasant Field Band, unter Director J. C. Churchill, formed on Fifteenth street, in front of the Light Infantry quarters, while half a dozen mounted policemen were stationed at the opening of the street into Pennsylvania avenue. Just across the Avenue were drawn up the Marine Band, forty-eight strong, under Prof. Fanciulli, while next them, going lown, came the Old Guard, the colored Capital City Guards, the department oficers, several Grand Army posts, Sons of Veterans and drum corps.

STARTING OF THE PROCESSION. At 10 o'clock sharp the command was given. The detachment of police moved out from under the trees, up Fifteenth street, were closely followed by the Marine Band. Next came a carriage in which were Representative and Mrs. Brosius and Col. A. Y. Slaybaugh. The Old Guard was ext in line, about thirty strong. Four past commanders led the way, followed by the main body, under Capt. James M. Edgar, with W. W. McDonald as bannerman.

Logan Post, Sons of Veterans, making a fine appearance, under the command of Capt. Henry Hulfish next appeared, and after these the Capital City Guard, Capt. Abram Ackwith.

The department commanders, including ommander McElroy, with staff, and the past commanders, presented a pleasing variation from the seried ranks that preceded. In their midst was borne the splendid new flag presented by the Woman's Re ief Corps. Those noted here were Adjt. Gen. Husted, Q. M. Gen. A. S. Taber, Judge Advocate General E. J. Sweet, Surg. Gen. A. E. Stevens, Chaplain A. S. Stevens, and as aids Cols. R. W. Montgomery, J. Edward Krouse, B. F. Chase, J. III. Strickland, John L. Daly, F. H. Wagner and Sidney W. Herbert, also. Post Department Commanders B. F. Hawks, G. Richardson, S. dett, N. M. Brooks, Emmet Urell, S. E. faunce, Nathan Bickford and Marion T.

The Grand Army posts then made up the line with numbers ranging from about fifeen in Kit Carson, at the head, to sixty 'n O. P. Morton.

AT ARLINGTON.

Thousands of People Visit the Old Lee Homestead.

Memoria! Day at Arlington proved to be grandly impressive. The weather throughout the morning was almost perfect. The

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YOU CAN'T PAY LESS IN WASHINGTON.

park carpenters and repairers were at work. In the park itself fifty men were employed, but the prodigious amount of labor neces sary to be done on the task of bringing order out of chaos appear impossible. It was

trict never saw before.

three blocks east west, north or south. Here no moving vans could be noticed. Not even express wagons or hand carts were in evidence. Men, women and children had slept the night before in their demolthe means of transportation-the poor were

Some people had paid \$12 a load for a Continued on Fourth Page.

pe found among the charitable people of HOSPITAL PATIENTS MISSING. Health Commissioner Starkloff and Dr. Sutter both deciare that there is a strong probability that the bodies of some of the missing patients will be found in the ruins Dr. Sutter, while not willing to say that none of the patients has been caught in their safety will be established later on.

that not more than twenty-five of the number missing will be found under the The character of the work done yesterday in all that southwestern part of the city included within a half dozen blocks about Lafayette Park, was in marked contrast to that performed in the less wealthy district visited by the storm. Carpenters were at work on unroofed houses. Hundreds of moving vans were backed up against the front doors of wrecked homes. There were express wagons, coal wagons, hand carts and con-trivances which the residents of the dis-

Physicians Think She Will Die in a Few Hours.

to Decoration Day. The Buxtons, with the exception of little

While the younger girl still retains con-sciousness, she has continued to grow

its this morning, but neither was aware of Neither is permitted to talk, except to

He informed his brother, Dr. Ston Washington, en route to Baltimore, shortly street, last night that the garments, bearing evidences of the crime, had been turned ever to him by a negro who found them near the place where Randolph was first ears of the Rev. Mr. Lloyd at Gaithersburg he telephoned to Rockville to learn if it was true that the garments had been found. The drug clerk who received the message conveyed it to Mr. Stonestreet,

Dr. Etchison Reports Mr. Buxton's

Positive Identification of Him. (Special from Staff Correspondent.) positively identified Sidney Randolph as yesterday afternoon when Randolph was taken before Buxton. After surveying the

"I think he is the rooster." Then, after looking carefully at Ran-

would work without bias or sentiment, and NO DANGER OF LYNCHING. tim only to land the culprit who come the brutal assaults, whoever he may be It is more than probable that a demand will be made for detectives today or tomorrew A citizen of Gaithersburg said today: "I believe Neale put up this job and Randolph executed it. I also believe that Cocking did not kill his wife and sister-inlaw, but the negroes we have under arrest did that job also."

> Held for the Grand Jury Today Judge Miller held in \$1,000 bonds for the grand jury, John Henry Butler, the

Annual Regatta of the Capital

washed the blood from himself, and that his tracks led to the cabin of Neale, where he received garments to wear in place of those covered with blood. an early bour this morning.

It was an ideal day for the race. The vines, where Randolph is said to have entered to reach the pool and wash him-self, the preacher found the freshly-cut

This was the starting point.

